

In the Claims

Please cancel claims 1-30 before calculating the filing fee in the above-styled patent application.

Please add the following new claims:

31. (new) An isolated adipose tissue-derived stromal cell that exhibits at least one characteristic of a non-adipocyte cell lineage.

32. (new) An isolated adipose tissue-derived stromal cell in combination with a substance that promotes differentiation.

33. (new) The substance of claim 32 selected from the group consisting of ascorbic acid, ascorbic 2-phosphate, bone morphogenetic proteins, or β -glycerophosphate.

34. (new) A cell isolated from adipose tissue that is adherent and has been induced to express at least one characteristic of a non-adipocyte cell lineage.

Information Disclosure Statement

Pursuant to the duty of disclosure under 37 CFR §§ 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, Applicants cite the publications listed on the accompanying PTO-1449. Copies of all listed references are enclosed. Applicants wish to point out that the assignee of the present application,